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Washington, D.C.-- Congressman Sires recently received information from the Port Authority concerning the raising of the Bayonne Bridge which appears to be the best solution for the residents of Bayonne. With the raising of the Bayonne Bridge, there will be 250,000 jobs that will be saved. The proposed solution, which has undergone strict scrutiny, appears to be the most environmentally sound plan, is the most cost effective, and will have the least impact on Bayonne residents. The estimated budget will be \$1 Billion to finance the Bayonne Bridge solution.

The bridge is expected to be completed within a 3 to 5 year expedited timetable and it will require supertankers and freighters to continue to utilize Port Newark/Elizabeth after the completion of the Panama Canal expansion in 2014.

"The Bayonne Bridge has been a major priority of mine and I have advocated for the raising of the bridge to help save over 250,000 jobs. I applaud the teamwork necessary from the Port Authority, Mayor Mark Smith and his administration, the State of New Jersey, and the entire Congressional Delegation," stated Congressman Sires.

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